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**AMENDMENT**

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2002. Kindly amend the above-identified U.S. patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

**In the Claims:**

**Please amend claims 1, 4, 7 and 9, as follows.**

1. (Twice Amended) A device for locking a brake pedal and brake pedal shaft of a vehicle, said device comprising:

a base member for a placement on a floorboard of the vehicle beneath the brake pedal and brake pedal shaft;

a U-shaped housing extending downward and having a first arm attached to said base and having a second shorter arm defining a gap for receipt of the brake pedal shaft, said gap between said first and second arms defining a slot for receiving the brake pedal shaft and permitting full extension of the brake pedal shaft upward through said slot; and

a locking mechanism associated with said first arm for locking an underside of the brake pedal shaft within said slot such that the brake pedal cannot be depressed.

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